

DIKE ACROSS MUD SLOUGH, ON ISTHMUS INLET, OREG.

JANUARY 3, 1921.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WEBSTER, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 14158.]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 14158), having considered the same, report thereon with amendments and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the War Department, as will appear by the letter attached and which is made a part of this report.

Amend the bill as follows:

On page 1, line 6, after the word "Inlet" insert a "comma" and strike out the words "at a point suitable to the interests of navigation."

Page 1, line 10, after the word "Oregon" strike out the "comma" and insert a "colon" and strike out the balance of the paragraph. Insert after the "colon" the following words: "*Provided*, That the work shall not be commenced until the plans therefor have been filed with and approved by the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, and by the Secretary of War: *Provided further*, That no dam or dike constructed under the consent hereby granted shall be used to develop water power nor to generate electricity."

[Second indorsement.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
December 9, 1920.

Subject: Report on bill H. R. 14158, Sixty-sixth Congress, second session, granting the consent of Congress to the construction of a dike across Mud Slough, Isthmus Inlet, Oreg.

Respectfully returned to the Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

The bill herewith, H. R. 14158, Sixty-sixth Congress, second session, to authorize the construction of a dike across Mud Slough in the State of Oregon, is in its present form objectionable since it proposes to grant authority for the work in accordance with the general bridge law of March 23, 1906, the provisions of which relate solely to the construction, maintenance, and operation of bridges over navigable waters.

The construction of the proposed dike is, however, unobjectionable so far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, provided that the plans of the structure be submitted to and approved by the Chief of Engineers and by the Secretary of War before construction is commenced.

I have amended the bill accordingly, and as thus amended I know of no objection to its favorable consideration by Congress.

W. R. WILLIAMS,
Assistant Secretary of War.